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Note: This Attachment includes translations of articles concerning the SCA elections which appeared in the Soviet Russian-language press in Shanghai. Novaya Zhizn /New Life/ is the official Soviet organ in Shanghai; Novosti Dnya /Daily News/ is the semi-official organ. The information presented below amplifies that presented in the body of this report and gives pertinent details regarding the activities of the SCA during 1947. It is interesting to compare the amount of coverage of the General Meeting given by Novosti Dnya with that of Novaya Zhizn.

Novosti Dnya 16 February 1948

**THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE DELEGATES OF THE
SOVIET CITIZENS ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI**

REPORTS OF THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SOVIET CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

The general meeting of the delegates and members of the Soviet Citizens Association was held yesterday at 2:30 P.M. at the Soviet Sports Club. 271 delegates out of the total 283 were present at the meeting. Ya.I. Birbrayer, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Soviet Citizens Association opened the meeting. P.I. Chernonotov, vice-consul and G.V. Kryukov, attache of the Soviet Embassy headed the presidium of the meeting. Mr. WEN and CHEN, representatives of the Chinese authorities, were also present.

A.I. Dombrovsky, M.N. Kulash and A.G. Chibunovsky were elected chairmen of the general meeting. P.P. Shevchenko and A.A. Melikov were elected secretaries.

A.I. Dombrovsky thanked the presidium for electing him and then Ya.I. Birbrayer, chairman of the Executive Committee took the floor.

Ya.I. Birbrayer's report.

"Because of the repatriation, the Executive Committee lost 68% of its members, who could not be replaced right away, because all the alternates on the Executive Committee had also been repatriated.

Because of this the Executive Committee of the Association decided to summon a general meeting and elect a new executive committee.

The fiscal period just ended was from 1 May to 31 December 1947. The acting executive committee assumed its responsibilities at the joint meeting of both the Executive Committee and the Revision Commission on 27 June 1947.

All together the Executive Committee had conducted 32 regular meetings. At the very first meeting it was decided to put the school under the supervision of the Association.

Three days later, 30 June 1947, the wonderful news of the repatriation reached Shanghai. And on 2 July the Executive Committee summoned by the General Consul to carry out the repatriation work, decided to combine their efforts in order to carry out this important job.

A repatriation department was organized and was headed by N.S. Zefirov. After his departure I was put in charge, with G.P. Ognestov as my assistant. From then on until the departure of the 5th group of repatriates on 20 November 1947, the regular activities of the Association were disrupted. Two thirds of the members of the Executive Committee of the Association and over 700 other Soviet citizens left Shanghai during this five months period.

As soon as the repatriation ended, the Executive Committee began reorganizing the regular activities of the Association. The re-registration of all the members was then conducted with a view towards attracting more new members into the Association.

At the first meeting V.T. Silin was elected Chairman, Ya.I. Birbrayer, Assistant Chairman, V.G. Rudakov, Treasurer and Director of the Social Welfare Department, D.S. Golovatsky, Secretary, G.P. Ognistov, Director of the Health Department and the Medical Organization, F.N. Klimenko, Director of the School Department, B.S. Ruryantsov, Director of the Organization Department, V.E. Valin, Director of the Culture Department, P.K. Knippov, Director of the Economic and Technical Department, I.L. Lundstrom, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Soviet Sports' Club and Orlov, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Soviet Club on Wayside.

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Because of the repatriation a few changes had to be made. Ya.I. Birbrayer was elected Chairman and Director of the Repatriation Department, V.G. Rudakov, Assistant Chairman, Treasurer, Director of the Finance-planning and the School Department, V.S. Ruyantsev, Secretary, Director of the Culture Department and the Organization Department, S.I. Oginitov, Director of the Health Department and the medical set up, E.I. Kosovskaya, Director of the Economic and Technical Department.

The Culture Department conducted lectures and reports and organized triumphant meetings on the occasion of national holidays or other important events.

The bookstores at the Clubs provided the citizens with books, magazines and newspapers. The library which has about 7,500 volumes, satisfied perfectly well the literary needs of the citizens.

The Social Welfare Department took care of the needy citizens, provided them with free hospital treatment, gave them free lunches and paid the funeral expenses for those families who could not afford to bury their dead.

The present Executive Committee is considering the following problems:

- 1) The uniting of all the Soviet citizens of Shanghai into one strong collective group
- 2) The rendering of ample financial support to all the undertakings of the Association.
- 3) The instilling in all the members the feeling of love and loyalty towards their great fatherland

All these problems are very important and serious and it is necessary to solve them, despite the difficulty of our existence abroad. "The Soviet collective group must not be afraid of any obstacles", concluded Ya.I. Birbrayer.

The next report was read by B.S. Ruyantsev, Secretary of the Executive Committee.

Ruyantsev noted that 3432 members of the Association had repatriated to the Soviet Union. (Shanghai Note: See page 5 of this Attachment)

The following 11 Unions and 3 Clubs had functioned during the past year:

The Soviet Women's Association, Medical Worker's Union, Soviet Engineers and Technicians Union, Soviet Accountants and Book-keepers Union, Soviet Journalists and Literary Worker's Union, Stage Worker's Union, Lawyer's Union, Seamen's Union, Teacher's Union and Restaurant-Hotel Worker's Union. However, the last two unions have practically ceased functioning as the majority of the members have been repatriated.

School Department

V.G. Rudakov read a report on the school situation. In July 1947 there were 312 pupils and 23 teachers in the school.

248 pupils and 16 teachers have left for the Soviet Union. At present there are only 84 pupils and 16 teachers.

The school has done a very good job. For example T. Neiman completed the 7th grade here. On her arrival in the motherland she entered the 8th grade in the Turinsky Middle School.

Concluding his report, Rudakov commented on the important work which is being done by the Parent's Committee of the Soviet school.

The Culture Activities

In his next report B.S. Ruyantsev noted that despite the repatriation and, consequently, the departure of nearly all the active members, the various organizations and circles have nevertheless started functioning again.

The bookstore, the radio circle, the theatrical circle, the "Living Newspaper", the chess circle and the choir are all active once again.

Report read by E.I. Kosovskaya.

E.I. Kosovskaya read a report on the Economic and Technical Department. This department was organized in June 1947. P.E. Knipper was elected Chairman, and A.I. Novitsky and E.I. Kosovskaya, members.

The Economic and Technical department made use of skilled engineers and architects and organized a construction commission in order to work out plans for, and to control the construction work to be done

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Because of the repatriation of Engineer Knipper and Novitsky, its most active members, the Economic and Technical Department was reorganized in September 1947. At present the staff consists of the following: L.I. Kosovskaya, as Chairman, R.S. Pildelfov and N.I. Malharadze as members.

The Economic and Technical Department takes charge of the construction and renovation work, supervises the inventory and controls the property of the Association.

After the repatriation the Economic and Technical Department took an inventory on all the stage wigs belonging to the Stage Worker's Union, the books at the bookstore and the property at the Soviet Club on Wayside and the Public Social Welfare dining-room.

At present the inventory of the property of the Central Club and Sports' Club is being conducted. Part of the property will be liquidated and the money acquired from the sale will be used to renovate the old and acquire some new property.

The Association hopes to fix up the walls of the Soviet Sports Club and enlarge the stage. The garden of the Central Soviet Club will be made in readiness for the summer season. A godown will be built to keep the property of the Central Soviet Club. Central heating will be installed in all the clubs and the old building of the Central Soviet Club will be totally renovated.

A report of the Revision Commission. Extracts from the report made by A. Oskolkov

The following were elected to the Revision Commission in June 1947:

Members: E.A. Glebov, Z.I. Protkov, Yu.A. Kmansky, E.M. Litvintsev, A.M. Oskolkov, G.I. Sokolov, N.E. Startsev. Alternates: S.S. Mishumich, I.F. Chepigovsky and N.N. Shiller.

In August the commission lost 40% of its members and by November only half of its members were left. More work was piled on the remaining staff, as almost all the paid employees such as book-keepers, treasurers and cashiers left too.

Because of the repatriation, all the three clubs were left without a Revision Commission. The Revision Commission of the Association therefore took over the control of the 3 clubs.

During the past year the Revision Commission checked the account books on the goods, the drinks in stock and the inventory records. The commission also followed the "Finance-Planning" activities of the Association and gave the necessary advice in these matters.

REPORT ON THE SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT

G.P. Ognistov read a report on the Social Welfare Department.

Before the repatriation the Social Welfare Department was under the direction of V.G. Rudakov and was composed of the following committee:

"Public food", medical, funeral, loans, housing and investigation committees. A Work Bureau functioned. It provided the unemployed with temporary or permanent jobs. The public-dining room distributed about 30 free lunches and suppers daily to the needy citizens.

The loan committee gave money to the needy citizens and ^{issued} loans, with two members required as guarantors for the borrower. The investigation committee took charge of all the applications concerning aid to be given the needy.

The medical committee arranged to have the needy members receive medical treatment, inoculations, etc., free of charge. The housing committee, not having a place of its own for the homeless, gave money to the needy citizens so that they could buy coal, etc.

During the repatriation the Social Welfare Department clothed 769 repatriates, 1488 pieces of light and heavy luggage were loaded on the ships free of charge. Because nearly all those Soviet citizens who had depended on the Public Food Committee had been repatriated, the Committee ceased to function and the Jewish "Shelter House", as of August 1947, agreed to distribute lunches to those needy Soviet citizens in Shanghai.

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The Social Welfare Department believed that after the repatriation there would be less work as nearly all the needy citizens had left, but it is not so. The salaries received cannot keep up with the growing prices and more and more have to turn for aid to the Social Welfare Department.

The report on the polyclinic

In order to organize the polyclinic a committee was formed of the following persons: O.P. Ognistov, V.O. Rudakov, I.Yu. Levitina, Dr. E.S. Shpilberg, E.A. Verblovskaya, I.N. Kagan, K.G. Shiller.

At present the polyclinic is under the surveillance of the health department. Comrade Ognistov is director of the department, comrade Levitin, assistant director, Dr. Khoks, director of the medical section and comrade Strashinsky, secretary.

On 6 April 1947 the doors of the polyclinic and its different sections were open to the public, the pharmacy, two medical cabinets, a dental office, and a dispensary.

The following doctors gave their services to the polyclinic:

Shpilberg, Khoks, Zelikovsky, Kote-Zelikovskaya, Leiboshets, Patashinskaya, Peisakhov, Ginsburg, Vitenson, Loginov, Abolnik, Novosolov, Potapeko, Sungurov, Khelborn, Bronstein, Kellar, Levin and Chu.

Verblevskaya, Ginsburg-Fishbein, Barshman, Borsner, Skoblina, Rotenberg, Fedorova and Strashinskaya worked in the dental office.

Dr. Potapeko was appointed director of the polyclinic, Khotinskaya and Tseplova, the nurses and Solzova, the registrar.

At present Dr. Khoks is the director of the polyclinic and Dr. Berdnikov and nurse Stankevskaya are his assistants.

The pharmacy contains the newest medicines and is capable of satisfying the medical needs of the colony.

Injections, inoculations and surgical dressings are given at the dispensary.

The dental office charges very low fees.

The polyclinic gave free medical treatment to the needy members of the Association. The polyclinic gives all types of injections to the Soviet colony of Shanghai.

During the repatriation the polyclinic did excellent work. It gave 15,000 inoculations. The polyclinic also helped to put into official form the papers required of the repatriates by the Chinese Customs and those certificates required by our authorities in the Soviet Union.

HOW THE REPATRIATION WORK WAS CONDUCTED**INFORMATION GIVEN BY YA.I. BURBRAY, CHAIRMAN OF THE****SOVIET CITIZENS ASSOCIATION**

The Executive Committee organized a special repatriation department with the following sections:

Administrative, legal aid, supply, social welfare, medical and sanitary, cultural and transportation sections. Special assessments were levied on all members of the SCA in order to enable these sections to function. Each section consisted of a number of social workers, and instructions were given by the Chairman of the Repatriation Department.

The Administrative Section was under the supervision of the secretariat of the Association. It consisted of workers who helped at the Consulate by putting into official form all kinds of applications, visas, etc. It was their duty to contact the repatriates wherever they were urgently needed at the Consulate. They introduced the system of the repatriation numbers, the techniques for registering the luggage and fixed the dates for the loading of the luggage, the embarkation, etc.

It issued special instructions, newspaper announcements, gave the repatriates information on problems regarding the loading of the luggage, the embarkation and other details.

The Legal Aid Section was organized by the Soviet Lawyers Union. 23 comrades were chosen to be on duty daily at the Club. This section functioned for four and a half months.

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It gave advice on housing disputes, division of property, family disagreements, etc. It filed petitions in courts, police headquarters, etc.

It put into official form the request for payment of salaries of 136 Soviet citizens who were formerly employed by the Shanghai Municipal Government.

Supply Section. Directly after the news of the repatriation was announced, prices in the stores went up considerably. As a result, the Supply Office was organized. It purchased goods wholesale and sold them to the repatriates at prices much below those in town. This helped to bring down the prices in the city stores.

Goods for CMC\$702,000,000 were bought from the supply office by the repatriates.

Social Welfare Section. This section took care of the needy repatriates, collecting clothing for them and distributing it to them. All told, it clothed 769 repatriates partly or fully (991 adults and 178 children). The sum of money spent on this clothing amounted to CMC\$756,000,000. It supplied the repatriates with coats, suits, warm underwear, shoes, sheets and other indispensable articles.

Medical and Sanitary Section. This section spent CMC\$39,000,000 on medicine for the inoculations and CMC\$49,000,000 on the polyclinic.

The Medical and Sanitary Section disinfected the luggage of the repatriates, and, during the embarkation, rendered first aid to those who became ill.

During the embarkation nurses and doctors from this section were on duty regularly. The section saw to it that the sick would get the best berths on the ship.

Culture Section. This section organized lectures and talks on the motherland and the constitution of the Soviet Union. For every embarkation the placards were prepared by the culture section.

Transportation Section. From 15 to 18 trucks were assigned for the needs of the repatriates. The Transportation Section transported 19,500 pieces of luggage. Ya. I. Birbrayer commented on the work done by Mr. and Mrs. Roman (owners of the transportation company, "Commercial Express"). The luggage of the first group of repatriates was picked up and loaded by the Romans, who also took charge of all the customs requirements for the four other groups.

Food Brigade: The Soviet Women's Association organized a brigade composed of 18 women who took charge of feeding the workers during the loading of the luggage. This brigade greatly helped the workers and reduced considerably the expenses of the Association.

4,930 Soviet citizens repatriated to the Soviet Union - 4,165 adults and 765 children. Only 3432 adults were members of the Association, which means that 20% of the repatriates were not members of the Association. But in helping the repatriates the Association made no distinction between members and the non-members, all receiving the same help. (Shanghai Note: See page 2 of this Attachment).

The Executive Committee is of the opinion that the repatriation work was done very well despite the numerous difficulties encountered.

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The general meeting of the delegates of the Soviet Citizens Association was held yesterday at the Soviet Sports' Club. About 300 delegates were present. The following were elected to the presidium: I.I. Chernonebov, the new Soviet Consul General, G.V. Kryukov, attache of the Soviet Embassy in China. Mr. WEN, representative of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Mr. CHEN, representative of the Social Welfare Department.

Ya.I. Birbrayer opened the meeting and proposed that three chairmen and two secretaries be elected. A.I. Dombrovsky, M.N. Kulsh and A.G. Chibunovsky were elected chairmen. P.I. Shevchenko and A.A. Melikov were elected secretaries.

A.I. Dombrovsky, one of the chairmen of the meeting, read the agenda, after which Ya.I. Birbrayer read a report on the activities of the Association from 1 May to 31 December 1947.

The report read by Ya.I. Birbrayer, chairman of the executive committee:

"The plenary authority of this present administration legally comes to an end on 30 April but, because of the repatriation of many of our members, it has been decided to call a meeting before the scheduled time.

The repatriation greatly upset the normal routine of the Association. A repatriation department was organized and was headed by E.S. Zefirov. After his departure, he was replaced by Ya.I. Birbrayer, with G.I. Opistov as his assistant.

After the repatriation, the Association conducted the re-registration of all its old members and the registration of new ones.

During this period 8 sections, 3 clubs, 2 organizations (the Polyclinic and the pharmacy), 11 Unions and 1 school continued their activities.

The Association helped the needy members, the school and other citizens of the Soviet colony.

As of 1 July 1947 the Soviet school was placed under the supervision of the Association and everything was done to render assistance to the school, the educator of our younger generation.

Further, Ya.I. Birbrayer read a report on the financial situation of the Association for the past year.

By 31 December 1947, 25% of all the debts the Association had had on 1 May 1947 had been paid. CNY\$480,000,000 was paid for the Stadium.

The Executive Committee wishes to thank all those who helped carry on the work of the Association, especially the repatriation work. It is a relief to see that the Association is resuming its regular activities and that the Association will continue to work for the benefit of the entire Soviet colony."

The report read by E.S. Mamyantsev was as follows:

"The repatriation of nearly 70% of the members of the Executive Committee greatly upset the routine of the various organizations. Extra work was piled up on those who remained behind, for it was very difficult to find replacements immediately for those who had left.

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However, a new group of activists carried on the work.

The Soviet Women's Association lost nearly all its members but new members have registered and activities are being carried on at full speed. This Association helped greatly during the days of the repatriation.

The Soviet Medical Worker's Union also lost a great number of its members but it did not stop functioning. The Union also did fine work during the repatriation.

The Soviet Engineers and Technicians Union is one of the most important organizations of our Association. It prepares groups of workers for various fields of work.

The members of the Soviet Book-keepers and Accountants Union also take an active part in the work of the Association.

The Soviet Stage-Workers Union was reorganized during the repatriation. It is taking an active part in the work of the Association and helps to work out the programs for all the parties and special meetings. It recently staged "The Young Sister". The Soviet Journalists and Literary Workers Union has lost practically all its members, but it has been reorganized and promises to start publishing again the magazine "Today" (Segodnya).

The Soviet Lawyers Union and the Soviet Seamen's Union continues to function.

The only Unions that ceased functioning are the Union of Teachers and the Hotel-Restaurant Worker's Union.

The clubs play the most important role in the life of the Soviet colony.

The Soviet Sports' Club played an important role in educating the youth of Shanghai. The youth showed their real spirit during the repatriation.

Though all the active members of the Soviet Club on Wayside have left and all the activities have been discontinued for the past four months, the Club has now resumed its duties.

Great significance should be attached to the "delegates union". It should be strengthened and developed, as it aids in the unity of our colony and helps to attract more members into the Association.

The report read by V.G. Rudakov, director of the "finance-planning" department, was as follows:

"The debts of the Association are not very large. If we examine the books of the Association from 1 May up to the 31 December 1947, it appears that the Association has paid off almost all its debts.

The Soviet colony helped a great deal. It responded to the summons of the executive committee and collected money for the needs of the colony. The fund which has been gathered for these purposes amounts to two and a half billion dollars. This fund enabled the Association to pay off the debts incurred in building the Soviet Sports' Club in 1946 and the beginning of 1947.

The general budget of the Association consists of two parts: the "ordinary budget", which is concerned with current expenses, and the "special budget", which is concerned with special expenses of the Association such as expenses incurred in connection with the repatriation, construction work, repair work, etc. The membership fees and the profits undertaken from the various sections and organizations of the Association (Poly-clinic and the pharmacy) are accounted for in customary budget. The total expenses for the past year amounted to CNC\$8,632,000,000, with the current expenses amounting to CNC\$5,552,000,000.

The greater part of the "current expenses" was spent on the clubs. This is natural, as much as most of the activities are conducted at the club. Because of the repatriation, the club had a CNC\$500,000,000 deficit.

14.8 of the money was spent on the school. The "finance-planning" commission once proposed to make the school self-supporting, but it was decided to discuss and solve this problem during the present meeting.

The school can become self-supporting in two ways:

- 1) Charge tuition fees;
- 2) Have the "economy" (finance?) committee of the school raise money by means of special projects.

The various departments of the Association also spend a great deal of money, large sums being spent by the social welfare department.

A number of measures were taken to reduce the expenses of the Association. The Executive Committee decreased the number of paid employees by 60%. All the members of the executive committee refused to accept any remuneration for their services. The membership fees altogether equal CNC\$1,445,000,000.

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In conclusion, Rudakov made a general review of the financial situation. The report read by G.I. Ognistov, director of the health department was as follows:

"The polyclinic is under the control of the health department. A pharmacy, two dental offices and a physiotherapy laboratory, comprise the polyclinic. The pharmacy is filled with medicine.

During the repatriation period, the polyclinic gave 15,000 inoculations and disinfected the luggage of the repatriates. The doctors of the Polyclinic examined the repatriates.

20,328 patients, not including the repatriates, visited the polyclinic during the past year. 1574 patients received free medical treatment. 4,235 patients visited the dental office. The polyclinic showed a profit of GNC\$849,483,100 for the past year; half of it was made by the pharmacy.

The social welfare department did the most important work during the repatriation period. It helped about 1,000 needy repatriates by giving them clothing and indispensable articles. This department gives food to the needy, lends money to those in need, and helps the sick by providing them with free hospitalization.

The present high cost of living has increased the activities of the Department." The election of candidates.

The following were elected candidates as a result of voting:

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| YA.I. Birtreyer | - 195 | B.A. Glebov | - 144 |
| V.G. Rudakov | - 208 | T. Khesin | - 140 |
| B.A. Rmyantsev | - 186 | M.I. Chilikina | - 146 |
| E.I. Kossovskaya | - 120 | T. Zolovich | - 75 |
| G.P. Ognestov | - 183 | M.A. Borodin | - 152 |
| E.YA. Yakub | - 146 | S.S. Aksakov | - 50 |
| N.S. Filadelfov | - 173 | A.I. Gudzenko | - 98 |
| A.A. Zhukov | - 117 | L.L. Namirovsky | - 21 |
| E.V. Patrusheva | - 93 | | |

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The Soviet Club on Bayside consists of a medium size room, a small office and a medium size stage. The walls are decorated with slogans and placards. After the repatriation, the club was absolutely empty. Not even a watchman was to be seen. At one time it was decided to close up the club.

During the repatriation the entire administrative staff and the actual members left. The remaining members never had taken an active part in the activities of the club, but now it was up to them to reorganize the club, unite all the Soviet colony of Bayside and make the club a comfortable and interesting place.

Some time after the repatriation a new active group was organized and was headed by V.Ya. Petrov, the only remaining member of the administration. A Temporary Committee was organized, consisting of the following members: V.Ya. Petrov, Chairman, A.I. Gudzenko, Assistant Chairman and Director of the Culture Department, A.G. Matonts, Secretary and Director of the Economy Department, Ya.P. Kolyarov and L.E. Vinkler, members of the Administrative Staff.

Before the repatriation there were 300 members in the club. However three quarters of them left for the Soviet Union and the remaining had not participated in the activities of the club.

The re-registration of all the old members was conducted and at present there are 60 members in the club, and new ones are continuously joining.

We must note the fine work done by A.I. Gudzenko, Director of the Culture Department. He reorganized the library, issued a monthly "wall-newspaper" and increased considerably the cultural work of the Club. Because nearly all the citizens of Bayside are not well-off, the library fees are extremely low.

Reports on the motherland are read every month. All Government holidays and important festivals are celebrated at the Club.

Friendly dinners are held at the Club every Saturday night and they have acquired great popularity. A snack-bar functions, its prices being very low.

We must also note the work done by the Soviet Women's Association. The members of this Association participate in all the undertakings of the Club and help in decorating the Club on special occasions. At present they are making preparations for the celebration of Women's Day on 8 March. We had an interview with A.I. Gudzenko, Assistant Chairman, and A.G. Matonts, Secretary. They told us of some of their plans for the future.

In the first place, the Temporary Committee intends to call a general meeting in order to elect a permanent administrative staff. The Club will be totally renovated. The Temporary Committee is also thinking of organizing a small theatrical circle in the near future. The Culture Department will arrange for lectures and reports at least once a week. The Committee also hopes to show Soviet films at least once a week. This would be very advantageous for the Soviet colony at Bayside, because not many of them have the opportunity of going to the Soviet Sports Club to see the movies there.

To accomplish what has been described above is a very difficult task, because almost all the active members have been repatriated. Therefore, the Committee is attempting to have as many new members as possible join the Association.

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NOVAYA ZHIZN: 27 February 1948:

WHAT HAS TO BE DONE FOR THE SOVIET COLONY IN SHANGHAI? OUR INTERVIEW WITH THE NEW LEADERS OF THE KCA, COMRADES V. G. RUDAKOV AND B. S. RUMYANTSEV

V.G. Rudakov, chairman of the Association and B.S. Rumyantsev, assistant chairman have both apprised us of the problems and purposes of the Association.

"Before we closing the work to be done by the new executive committee", began Comrade Rumyantsev, "we must say a few words on the work accomplished by the former executive committee. The former executive committee consisted of five members only. However, they managed perfectly the task of repatriating a couple of thousand of Soviet citizens to their motherland. The work was done extremely well.

OUR PROBLEMS:

"The new executive committee", continued comrade Rudakov, "has many important problems to work out. Funds must be raised in order to have the work done systematically in the various sections of the Association. All Soviet citizens must also be induced to join the Association. The activities of the various organizations must be kept going, with more citizens participating in these activities. The activities of the culture department must be well organized and the school must be put on a firm financial basis; more Soviet children must be enrolled as students. The health department, the dispensary and social welfare department must also expand their activities. An inventory of the property of the Association must also be made.

Financial Situation of the Association

In accordance with the resolution passed at the delegates' meeting all members must pay their dues in accordance with the new standards that have been set. A special commission will determine what percentage of his salary each member will have to pay.

The finances of the Association are very important in so far as the activities of the Association are concerned. I do hope that every Soviet citizen will fulfill his obligations. We must remember that the membership dues will help make our colony a well-organized one.

All Soviet citizens must become members of the Association:

Every Soviet citizen should become a member of the Association. Every individual who has taken a Soviet passport must remember that he is a real Soviet citizen and that, as a Soviet citizen, he must be a member of the Association. We hope that the new executive committee will manage to induce all Soviet citizens to participate in the activities of the Association.

Active workers must be drawn into the Association:

After the repatriation the various organizations of the Association started to conduct their activities very irregularly. The most important problem is to induce as many active workers as possible to participate in the activities of the Association.

The second problem is concerned with starting the planning work in the various organizations. We must remember that our organizations, especially the clubs, are the "forges" of Soviet ideology. Cultural activities must be conducted in the various organizations of the Association. Every Soviet citizen must be familiar with the history and the progress made by his motherland, her Constitution, customs, etc.

Soviet children must attend the Soviet School:

The educational program of the school is being conducted as usual. The school has been improved and will exist as long as there is a Soviet colony in Shanghai. However, it is necessary to note that not all Soviet citizens are sending their children to the Soviet school.

It is understandable that some parents wish to have their children acquire a knowledge of foreign languages. However, what makes them think that the Soviet School cannot educate their children along these lines? The Committee of the Association will see to it that the Soviet School's standards will not only be higher than those of the Shanghai foreign schools, but will also be as high as the students of any Soviet school should be. To accomplish this we expect the support of the entire Soviet colony. All Soviet children must attend the Soviet school and receive a real Soviet education and up-bringing.

The polyclinic:

At the end of our interview a few words were said about the health department, the dispensary and the social welfare department. It was noted that the work in these departments was progressing very well, but that the activities must still be expanded. However, the success of the polyclinic depends not only on the active workers themselves, but also on the conscientiousness of every member of the Soviet colony. All Soviet citizens must be treated at the polyclinic and must buy all their medicine at the pharmacy.

We are sure that the committee of the Soviet Citizens Association and all the Soviet colony of Shanghai will help us carry out this difficult task and will pay their membership dues on time.

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